of March 1989 and new CCS rates effective from 1.4.1989 and valid upto 31.3.1992, were announced on 31.3.1989. CCS @ 15 per cent has been fixed on all the items of bulk drugs indicated above. Prior to 1.4.1989, CCS as the same rate was admissible on these bulk drugs. No specific instance of any foreign exchange loss has come to the notice of Government.

बिहार के मधुबनी जिले के व्यक्तियों को स्वतंत्रता सैनानी पेंशन

328. **मौलाना असद मदनी:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जनवरी, 1988 से 31 मार्च, 1989 तक की अवधि के दौरान बिहार के मधुबनी जिले के कितने व्यक्तियों को स्वतंत्रता सैनानी पेंशन प्रदान की गई है ; और

(ख) उन व्यक्तियों के नाम तथा पूरा ब्यौरा क्या है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) 1-1-1988 से 31-3-1989 तक की अवधि के दौरान जिला मधुबनी, बिहार के 90 व्यक्तियों को स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन प्रदान की गई है ।

(ख) ऐसे व्यक्तियों के नाम तथा उनका पूरा ब्यौरा अनुलग्नक में दिया गया है (देखिए परिशिष्ट 150, अनुपत्र सं० 11) ।

Loan from USAID

329. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Agency for International Development (USAID) has approved a programme which will provide a loan guarantee for 50 million dollors to our National Housing Bank; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement and the plans for its distribution to States, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Housing Bank (NHB) has reported that the programme is expected to support the Bank in promoting housing finance institutions as envisaged in the National Housing Bank Act. The funds under the programme are not linked to State-wise disbursal. They are aimed at assisting eligible housing finance companies to finance low income housing in the country.

Increase in Cash Compensatory support on Cycles and other inputs

330. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to statae:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has been approached for an increase in Cash Compensatory Support on cycles and other inputs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that data based on which such increase has been sought is not factual but the figures have been cooked;

(d) whether the data has been examined and verified; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (e) For the new regime of Cash Compensatory Support effective from 1.4.1989, cost data and other details in respect of various engineering items of exports including cycles have been received. This data alongwith the recommendations of the Engineering Export Promotion Council was examined by the Government and it was decided to grant CCS at a reduced rate of 12 per cent as against 15 per cent earlier available on existing models of Bicycles. As regards the New Model Bicycles, the existing rate of CCS i.e. 18 per cent has been retained.